I'll gladly write the law-school letter. Remember, I've been encouraging you to take law, for at least two years. You don't think I didn't mean it, I know! I'll keep a carbon for you but until I hear from you, I won't send because of the way you write Dick. I see no reason why you should not read it or be ashamed or embarrassed. I'll not say what I don't think. I have a high opinion of you and I do believe you should take law. I think the profession would be much better off with more yous and fewer Belins.

I've heard of the proofs from Cesar, although I thought he was talking about the book. My only interest in it would be to see if he drops anything. I told Jim not to spend the cost of a xerox for me. They may be the same set. Jim spoke of those Smith had.

In cutting "his" assassination files away to concentrate on WC (for realist, I presume?) Jerry P has also put away those of mine he still has. A smattering of ignorance describes him. He wants to do decent things, but he also wants to be important, so he flits around in quest of success, never learning enough about anything to earn it.

As a general principle, I'd say that any criticism of the Belin bull will help it unless it is in a major unit of the press which treats the review decently. Stay out. There is no such probability, for Jerry, Dick, Bob or anyone else. It will just help seel garbage. Don't let anyone have your files for while you are not, strictly speaking, beholden to an ex poste facto stipulation, Belin would exploit it, he would he heard and you would not and you would be defamed.

From Jerry's expressed interests, he has spent too much time justifying his position vis-a-vis the Gertzes to write a decent review. If there isn't enough in the book itself, why look elsewhere? Would he be reviewing the book or the WR? And has he the space for such irrelevancies? This should clue you to remoteness. The book will bomb unless it is inflated. Meanwhile, if he is to make any appearances, I have something coming out that regardless of how it may be tortured, should provide enough for the most embarrassing kinds of questions to him. The timing coincides, 11/22. I have said nothing for I've not seen what the finished product is. Don8t even know how much I'm getting. Or when. And I don't want the Jerrys, Spragues, Buds, etc. to know. It needs no help from them and it needs no contamination not possible in that publication. Because of the publication, I don't expect anything. If they ask me to promo, then I'll havesome fun with Belin. And Salisbury, perhaps, but not likely. I'd rather stick to the positive. I have promosed for them before by phone.

It seems obvious to me that whether or not he has spoken to Sylvia for nine months if Jerry feels the review should be written, if he doesn't want to do it, SMy is the best one of all of us to do it. He cab call her free.

Barnes: don't write if you haven't. Leave them alone. If they have any questions, they can get in touch with you. Don't appear to be gunshy and don't react to everything unless it serves a purpose. They know of other works in support of the Comission. If yours doesn't stand unsupported to them, if this endangers it, the chances are already poor, so don't act afraid. If they ask you, you have your correspondence and you can refer them to Sylvia. If you do, do it at her UN office, where they'll know she is an editor. Tell them, in fact, that she is an editor at the WHO. They can't possibly bring you book out, if they go for it, in time to compete with or profit from the backlash of Belin's. Nor would they try. It would cost them too much cash and all the reviews.

Georgetown symposium: I've been invited, won8t go and I suppose should write and tell Bud. It is the CCLA that is sponsoring, and I don8t want to be on a platform with that bunch. She has been in touch with them lately.

Lifton is in touch weekly with more than Jerry. He appears to be working on his book again/still/perhaps. They have something going with Nix and Buchmore. So, what else is new? Don't tell Jerry. Dave is paranoid enough as it is. He either has some kind of box or some kind of parton!

So now we have Belin's book. It doesn't have to sell well to hurt much. Need I remind you of how it all began? If Sylvia had been paid enough to justify a piece, if that piece had been ordered, and if she really needed the money, then perhaps there would have been a rational explanation, some justification. Whether it is so conceived by the traveller, ego-tripping is ego-tripping, no more and no better. resurrecting the past for 1,623 Tedans could have done no good. Best,